

# Announcements

**WAYS TO GIVE AT ZION:** We accept cash, cheques, e-transfers (to [zion.office@sasktel.net](mailto:zion.office@sasktel.net)), pre-authorized debits, and donations through canadahelps.ca. Please fill out the message field on the offering envelope to designate your gift.

**In From the Cold** - Zion is once again supporting this valuable program this winter. Please bring donations of the following to the bins set up in the narthex: Winter outerwear (jackets, pants, toques, scarves and mitts). Please be sure the clothing is clean and all zippers are working; Hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant) that are new and in a sealed package; Blankets; Handwarmers, like HotShots

**Knitting Club meets the first and third Tuesdays from 1 pm – 3 pm.** All are welcome, even beginner knitters! Please enter through the south entrance. **Knitting will pause until the New Year – next meetings are January 6 and 20.**

**Congregational Vote will be held December 14<sup>th</sup> after the service.**

**Wednesday noon hour Bible Study** meets in the Narthex - bring your lunch.

**You are Invited to A Candlelight Service of Remembrance and Healing** on Thursday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church - Christmas without a loved one can be a difficult time for those left behind. Other losses, such as the loss of a relationship, health or job can be the cause of loneliness in the midst of Christmas celebrations. Please join us in a service of prayer, scripture, communion and music knowing that God is present. May we find hope and comfort in knowing that we are not alone at this time. Refreshments to follow hosted by Saskatoon Lutheran Stephen Ministers.

**Naomi Bible Study will meet on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Cedar Room** at Zion followed by small handheld treats. No interval kits will be assembled until January.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE:

**December 24<sup>th</sup> Candlelight Service at 7:00 pm**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> Communion Service at 11:00 am**

We are in need of more members for the Parish Life Committee and for Sunday School. If you are interested in helping in these areas, please contact Kaylyn in the office.

**Annual Reports are due December 31, 2025.** Please ensure your report is sent in to the office in a word processing document by the end of the year.

**WELCOME TO ZION!** If you would like more information about us, please fill in the communion card and give it to an usher. All Christians are welcome to commune. If you do not commune, please come forward to receive the Lord's Blessing. If you receive communion in your pew, notify the usher. Grape juice is available in the middle of the tray. Gluten free wafers are available on request. Ushers will direct you to the altar.

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Fri, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## In Our Prayers

Andrea; Nandari; Mallory; Don; Louise; Mary; Linda & Steven; Jennifer; Gloria; Kaye; Doreen; Clara; Connie; Marilyn; Fred; Lorna; Betsy; Anne; Maureen; Susan; Ron; Lara, for justice; Carolyn; Alice; Neil; Helen; Ron; Brenda; Mary; Marie; Phyllis; Ina; Gordon; Ted; Dianah

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**Mark your calendars: Retirement Luncheon and Celebration for Terry Afseth will be held on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 am service.**

**Christmas Squirle** will be on Tuesday December 16, at 7:30 in the Richmond room at Luther Heights. Bring a potluck desert type treat to share.

**LuMinHoS (Lutheran Ministry in Hospitals of Saskatoon):** The latest issue of the *Caregiver* newsletter is available at [luminhos.org/Resources/Newsletters](http://luminhos.org/Resources/Newsletters). We thank our faithful supporters for their prayers and financial donations.

**CLWR Gifts from the Heart** catalogs are available in the Narthex.

**The Mitten Tree** has been set up in the Narthex. We are collecting new or gently used mitts, toques, scarves, and socks to donate to an inner-city organization in the new year. Thanks in advance for your donation.

2026 contribution envelopes are in your mailbox. Let Kaylyn know when you need more.

## Order of Service – Setting Three GATHERING

Prelude: “Picardy” – Craig Philipps; “Creator of Stars of Night” – Rebecca Groom teVelde (ELW #245)

Welcome

**Confession and Absolution** (see screen)

**Gathering Hymn: “All Earth is Hopeful” – ELW #266**

Kyrie – ELW pg. 138

Hymn of Praise – ELW pg. 139

**Prayer of the Day:** (see front of bulletin)

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Candle-Lighting Hymn: “We are Waiting for Jesus” – ACS #905**

## WORD

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 40:3-5

**Psalm 107:1-9** spoken

**Second Lesson:** Jude 17-25

Gospel Acclamation – ELW pg. 142

**Gospel Lesson:** John 1:19-23

Sermon: Lori James

**Hymn of the Day: “There’s a Voice in the Wilderness” – ELW #255**

**Prayers of Intercession** (P: Hear us, O God.  
C: Your mercy is great.)

## COMMUNION

The Peace

Offering: Handbell Choir

The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 144

**Holy Lord**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Lamb of God**

**Communion: “Christ the Lord”**

Communion Prayer

## SENDING

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**Sending Song: “Prepare the Royal Highway” – ELW #264**

Go in peace. Keep awake. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: “Lob sei dem allmächtigen Gott” – J.S. Bach

**Isaiah 40:3-5**

A voice cries out:

‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

5 Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

**Jude 17-25**

17 But you, beloved, must remember the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; 18 for they said to you, ‘In the last time there will be scoffers, indulging their own ungodly lusts.’ 19 It is these worldly people, devoid of the Spirit, who are causing divisions. 20 But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; 21 keep yourselves in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. 22 And have mercy on some who are wavering; 23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; and have mercy on still others with fear, hating even the tunic defiled by their bodies.

Benediction

24 Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, 25 to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and for ever. Amen.

**John 1:19-23**

19 This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ 20 He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, ‘I am not the Messiah.’ 21 And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ 22 Then they said to him, ‘Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ 23 He said, ‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord”’, as the prophet Isaiah said.

**Second Sunday of Advent**

December 7, 2025

10:30 am

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**

Prayer of the Day:

Stir up our hearts, Lord God,  
to prepare the way of your only Son.  
By his coming reveal your glory to all who cry to you,  
that we may build our lives on our most holy faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.



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